

A note from
Dr. Nancy Allen



Whether on campus through the Multicultural Center, exposure to ideas in classes, participation in student organizations or abroad through summer or year-long opportunities to study in foreign countries, ASU provides students a variety of opportunities to experience and embrace diversity in all its forms. The extent to which students' lives are enriched and their intellects expanded when they engage in these activities is widely acknowledged, but best illustrated for me personally by a group of 20 sophomores and juniors who traveled to Lüneburg, Germany, one summer to take two classes and immerse themselves in the culture of that country. None had previously traveled outside the United States, and the majority had never flown when they began the trip. All, though, were excited yet intimidated by what lay ahead. I watched over five weeks as they interacted with other students and townspeople, arranged their own weekend excursions, tried new foods and happily practiced their rudimentary German. More importantly, I saw their emerging independence as well as their growing appreciation for the differences and similarities that unite all of us, no matter our origins. They returned to ASU that fall changed young women and men. My hope for all ASU students is the same kind of enriching experience, whatever it might be, that brings a greater awareness and understanding of different cultures, people, ideas and perspectives.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH:
Focused on Angelo State's African-American staff and faculty

During the month of February, the Multicultural Center celebrated Black History Month by recognizing ASU African-American staff and faculty. A total of 11 posters were created with information about them, their careers and their messages of inspiration to students. According to Special Events personnel, more than 600 people took time to come by the University Center Lobby to read about our employees and enjoy delicious soul food. Take a look at a few excerpts from the posters.

Purnell J. Curtis, Center for Security Studies instructional designer: An Air Force retiree with such sub-careers as an aircraft armament system specialist and a multimedia developer/instructional system designer, Curtis has been with ASU for 14 years and is currently working on his Master of Education with an emphasis in educational technology.

Dr. Alaric A. Williams Sr., assistant professor, department of curriculum and



WILLIAMS

instruction: A member of the faculty since 2008, Williams holds a doctorate from Texas A&M University-Commerce. His advice to students is "Dream big!

Never give up on your dreams; when someone tells you that you can't do something or be something, prove them wrong."

Harvey D. Johnson, associate professor of mathematics: A member of the faculty

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3/22
Women's History Month
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. @ UC Lobby

TUES/THURS
Zumba, 8-9 p.m. @ UC Lobby
Latin Dance, 9-10 p.m. @ UC Lobby
El Cafecito, 9 a.m.-Noon
@ Multicultural Center Lobby

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Join us for refreshments, music and more as we recognize the **WONDERFUL WOMEN OF ASU.**

"Never underestimate the power...
of a woman"

Thursday March 22nd, 2012
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
UC Lobby



WOMEN'S EDUCATION
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

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JOHNSON

since 1973, Johnson has been honored in the *Who's Who in America: 64th Edition 2010*. His role model is his 10th grade high school geometry teacher, the late Dr. Harold King. "One of the lessons learned is in order for a goal to become reality, we must maintain tenacity in working toward the accomplishment of the goal," Johnson said. "By so doing we grow from having the aspiration, we learn from expending the effort and we experience success once the goal is attained."

Dr. Marva J. Solomon, assistant professor of reading, department of teacher education: Solomon is originally from Abilene and is glad to be back in West Texas.

DID YOU KNOW...



■ Ursula M. Burns

was the first African-American woman to lead a major U.S. corporation, Xerox, and the first female CEO to take the reins from another woman.



SOLOMON

This is her second year at ASU, previously she taught elementary school in Austin. She holds a Master's Degree in English and a Ph.D in Language and Literacy. Her uncle taught her perseverance. Her mother also was very encouraging: "When I was young, I mentioned that I wanted to be a writer, a teacher and a college professor. She always reminded me of those goals."



McCLOUD

Dr. Daniel McCloud, assistant professor of music, director of bands and percussion studio: As an active composer, McCloud has received commissions from the World Saxophone Congress and from PBS affiliate, WIPB-TV at Ball State University, and has had more than 20 compositions published by Dutch Music Partners. McCloud cites his mother as his role model due to the personal sacrifices she made as a single mother and she continues to put others before herself.



MANGRUM

Lea Mangrum, assistant professor of communication: Mangrum is director of RamTV and RamRadio. She joined ASU in 2008 after receiving a Master of Fine Arts in Radio, Television and Film from the University of North Texas. Her work as a documentary filmmaker, centers on children, families, social and political issues.



AYCH

Theron Aych, assistant head coach/wide receivers and quarterbacks: Aych has coached football across the country, across all levels and began his second stint in Texas when he joined the Angelo State staff in January 2011. He earned three letters as a wide receiver at Northern State University in Aberdeen and was an All-NSIC honorable mention selection. He holds a degree in sociology and criminal justice from NSU in 1996. Aych considers himself a work in progress because he is continuously influenced by people.

Multicultural Center's Lending Library Highlight Global Issues: Women's Rights



Despite the progress of the international women's movement in exposing and correcting human rights abuses against females, in many countries women are still fighting to attain the most basic of civil liberties. This program contextualizes that struggle by comparing women's rights in the U.S. with the status of women in China, Afghanistan and Kenya. The program is 26 minutes in length. Borrow this excellent video from the Multicultural Center in the uc.

Student highlight: Michael Connor

CLASS: SENIOR | MAJOR: SOCIAL WORK | MINOR: MUSIC



When Michael Connor is not working hard at his studies, he spends his free time working at the Boys and Girls Club, performing at ASU concert events and being a part of Bibleway Baptist Church's music department. He is an accomplished guitar player, drummer, piano/organist and vocalist. He is also currently vice president of the African Student Association (ASA), one of ASU's student organizations.